

The Permanent Fund should be placed in the constitution for its protection from our elected government officials. This would be the best defense for our future. George Sides

Steve Gibson here, from Homer. My hopes are that you pass this. The PFD created by Hammond and many others was not imagined and created as an emergency brake for legislators unwilling to develop a revenue source for state income. All other states pay for their costs either by state or income taxes; ours does not. (We are special but not that special). The Permanent Fund Dividend is in a class by its own: it works in the direction of equalizing income, justified because it distributes for posterity the proceeds of the resources inherent in the State. This is not tax revenue--it is from our inheritance and should be preserved for following generations. Its withholding should not be used as leverage to justify the failure to pay for our costs. Thank you for your contemplation. Steve Gibson

Please make the protection of the PFD a state constitutional amendment. Further lawmakers should be charged for completing their work before the end of the normal session.

Thank you
Chris Bye

I am a long-time advocate for POMV. I strongly support a 4.75% payout which is more likely to be sustainable than a larger draw. I am also pleased to see the guaranteed PFD amount has been removed from the original resolution. I prefer the new proposed language that allows the legislature to designate 33% of the draw to PFDs. Requiring a minimum guaranteed PFD could put too much pressure on the budget in lean times. Mary Griswold

I Charles H. Chinnis, Sr., vote to place the Permanent Fund Dividend into the Constitution. I'm not able to appear in person, so I'm submitting this email and as a YES vote to the Constitution.
